

Page 2, line 16, after "including" insert --  
protruding--; same line, delete "protrude";

line 17, delete "coefficient of" and insert  
--the--; same line, after "conductivity", insert  
--coefficient--;

line 22, before "radiation", insert --protruding--;  
same line, delete "protrude";

line 23, after "and" insert --protruding--; same  
line delete "protrude", both occurrences; same line after  
"The" insert --protruding--;

line 24, delete "said" and insert --the--;

line 25, after "the" insert --protruding--; same  
line delete "protrude";

line 26, after "the" insert --protruding--; same  
line delete "protrude";

line 27, delete "heat" and insert --heating--;

line 28, before "connection" insert --protruding--;  
same line, delete "protrude".

Page 3, line 1, after "the" insert --protruding--;  
same line delete "protrude";

line 2, "the" insert --protruding--;

line 3, delete "protrude"; same line, delete "stay  
individual" and insert --remain separated--.

Page 4, line 17, delete "is" and insert --are--;

line 25, delete "have a";

line 26, delete "of" and insert --as--.

Page 5, line 4, delete "the", third occurrence, and insert --a--;

line 13, delete "each other" and insert --together--;

line 27, delete "of", first occurrence, and insert --greater than--.

Page 6, line 1, delete "of", first occurrence, and insert --greater than--;

line 21, after "joined", insert --to--;

line 22, delete "to".

Page 7, line 15, delete "coefficient of"; same line, after "conductivity", insert --coefficient--;

line 23, delete "tc" and insert --as in--.

Page 8, line 5, delete "is added" and insert --further includes--; same line, after "53a", insert --in addition--;

line 6, delete "is"; same line, delete "contacted"  
and insert --contacts--;

line 8, delete "coefficient of"; same line, after  
"conductivity" insert --coefficient--;

line 9, after "are" insert --the--; same line,  
delete "to" and insert --as in--;

line 16, delete "is"; same line, delete "contacted"  
and insert --contacts--;

line 17, delete "to";

line 18, delete "coefficient of"; same line, after  
"conductivity" insert --coefficient--;

line 19, after "are" insert --the--; same line,  
delete "to" and insert --as in--;

line 22, delete "is contacted" and insert  
--contacts--;

line 25, delete "be"; same line, delete "contacted  
to" and insert --contact--.

Page 10, line 2, delete "be contacted to" and insert  
--contact--;

line 7, delete "be contacted to" and insert  
--contact--.

Page 10, after line 11, please insert the following:

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--Although the present invention has been described with reference to illustrative embodiments thereof, it should be understood that numerous other modifications and embodiments can be devised by those skilled in the art that will fall within the scope and spirit of the principles of the invention. More particularly, reasonable variations and modifications are possible in the component parts and/or arrangements of the subject combination arrangement within the scope of the foregoing disclosure, the drawings and the appended claims without departing from the spirit of the invention. In addition to variations and modifications in the component parts and/or arrangements, alternative uses will also be apparent to those skilled in the art.--

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows.

Please cancel Claims 1 through 14 without prejudice or disclaimer.